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Team,

Dr. Ward has asked for (and received) my support in the past for his research project grant proposals. I asked him if I could share this one with the team.

Interesting timing yes???

Is there any way to at least have a discussion about some collaboration? I know a partnership has been explored in the past but I am not familiar with the details as to why EPA and U of M has not been partners in the past.

Just a thought(

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Hi Catherine,

Hope you are well.

I,m working on the revised Libby tree bark proposal (see attachment), which is due to NIEHS on March 5. In our last submission, we received an impact/priority score of 38 (31 percentile), which is just outside of the funding range. The major critiques were the lack of relevance to areas outside of Libby, Montana, and the lack of a statistician on our team.

We have addressed these two issues. First, in tree bark sampling programs conducted last summer around historical Libby vermiculite processing facilities in Santa Ana (CA), Newark (CA), and Phoenix (AZ), we detected Libby amphibole in a subset of the tree bark samples. These findings demonstrate that asbestos in tree bark is indeed an emerging environmental issue outside of Libby. Secondly, to address the statistician issue, we added Dr. Amy Herring (Univ North Carolina) to our team. Here is her website link:

[http://www.sph.unc.edu/?option=com\\_profiles&Itemid=1867&profileAction=ProfDetail&pid=700198551](http://www.sph.unc.edu/?option=com_profiles&Itemid=1867&profileAction=ProfDetail&pid=700198551)

So, are you on board with giving this one more shot at getting this grant funded? If so, we,ll need to update your letter of support for the project that you wrote for us last year. Hopefully this will take a minimal amount of your time.

Please let me know.

Thanks,

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